

SGI-USA
Soka Gakkai International-USA
Buddhist Association for Peace, Culture & Education

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Justification Letter to City of Las Vegas, Nevada

To Whom It May Concern:


Soka Gakkai International – USA (SGI-USA) is a Buddhist organization that promotes peace, culture, and education through individual happiness based on the teachings of Nichiren Daishonin. SGI-USA will hold worship meetings, assembly, religious study seminars, congregational meetings, guidance sessions and other functions in this proposed facility. The SGI-USA works together with other religions to resolve issues affecting humanity, respects cultural diversity and promotes cultural exchange and encourages the protection of nature and the environment.

Our members reflect a cross section of our diverse American society representing a broad range of ethnic and social backgrounds. With 100 centers throughout the country, SGI-USA makes its headquarters in Santa Monica, California. SGI-USA is affiliated with the worldwide SGI organization that has over 12 million members in more than 190 countries and territories, with its headquarters in Tokyo, Japan.

Presently, SGI-USA has a leased facility, near Jones and Charleston, with an active membership of 700 families. Our organization has been active in the Las Vegas Community since 1975.

Our new community center will be approximately 6,000 SF and blend in with the existing buildings in our neighborhood. Historically, our centers are busiest on Sunday's, and evenings from 7pm to 9pm three times a week. It should be noted that the community center will have three flagpoles (under 25').

Our community centers around the country are as diverse as our membership, and we look forward to bringing peace and harmony to our neighbors in our new facility.


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